

Indiana County Municipal Services Authority (ICMSA) will be supplementing the southern portion of its Crooked Creek Water System periodically from an emergency interconnect with Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC). Currently, PADEP requires ICMSA to supplement this southern section of the system when water levels of the feed stream are low or at drought conditions. The drinking water supplied by PAWC is fluorinated. Customers reading this bulletin are urged to review the map below to verify if they will be supplied fluorinated water when the above conditions occur. The blue line on the map indicates ICMSA's water distribution system and the areas affected are circled in red. Again, ICMSA does **not** fluorinate their water, but PAWC does and the fluoride residual at the emergency interconnection point is 0.55-0.95 mg/l.

The American Dental Association (ADA) has endorsed fluoridation of community water supplies as safe and effective for preventing tooth decay. Children who drink optimally fluoridated water on a regular basis do not need to take fluoride dietary supplements. Some home water treatments, such as reverse osmosis units, will remove fluoride, so customers should consult the water treatment manufacturer to determine if their water treatment system is capable of removing fluoride. If so, parents should consult their prescribing dentist or physician about whether additional fluoride supplements are necessary.

For more information on drinking water fluoridation please see the ADA website at <https://www.ada.org/resources/community-initiatives/fluoride-in-water> or contact your dental professional.

